

GOETHALS HONORED BY CIVIC FORUM

Accepts Medal as 3,000 Admirers Cheer—Mayor Pleads for Bills.

COLONEL, HOWEVER, REMAINS SILENT

Canal Builder Embarrassed at Mitchell's Praise and Voice Quivers as He Replies.

"I hope none of you here gathered the idea that the canal was built by one man. It has taken upward of 50,000 men, all of whom have given their very best. On behalf of the army of the Panama Canal, every man of which has borne his share as faithfully as me, I thank you for this medal to-night."

With these simple words Colonel George W. Goethals, the modest and unassuming builder of the Panama Canal, received the medal of the Civic Forum at Carnegie Hall last night, his voice quivering as he uttered them.

Only a short time before he had heard Mayor Mitchell declare that the only thing that stood between him and the Police Commissioner of New York was the passage of the bills now pending at Albany; he had heard the Mayor say that New York wanted him badly and urge his hearers to make the demand for the passage of the bills by the Legislature in no uncertain language.

But Colonel Goethals, if he had any interest in Mayor Mitchell's remarks, did not show it, except perhaps in a certain amount of embarrassment, for he did not even hint that he had the Police Commissioner in mind when he arose to speak.

Credits Roosevelt for Canal.

Colonel Goethals declared that if it had not been for an executive order of President Roosevelt the Panama Canal would never have been built. "President Roosevelt," he said, "irritated by the delay in the work because of the law and concentrated authority. To that order of 1904 was due the success I have met with." The colonel also praised the administration of Taft and Wilson for the help that had been given, and he predicted the opening of the canal in July and the passage of the bills by the Legislature in no uncertain language.

Colonel Goethals was suffering from a severe cold, and after expressing his deep appreciation of what had taken place he declared that the only danger that now confronted the men at the canal was the cacophony fly.

For two hours he had sat and listened to plentiful praise from men whose names are known all over the country, and to the reading of a poem by Percy Mackaye. He seemed abashed by it all, and more than once leaned over to Dr. John H. Finley, who presided, with the remark: "I wish I were down in Panama now." Dr. Finley presented the medal in the absence of Joseph H. Choate, reading the latter's speech.

Mayor Mitchell said his attention was attracted to Colonel Goethals by the splendid organization of men he had succeeded in building up and maintained. "I have never known of a body of men engaged in a great work of construction who were bound together with more loyalty to their chief than that body in the isthmus. I have asked Colonel Goethals to take charge of our Police Department, not because he is a great engineer, nor a great administrator, but because he has those characteristics of human nature which a Police Commissioner of New York should have if he is going to give us the police administration we have looked forward to for so many years. It is because he is America's greatest constructor and organizer that I have asked him to take up this difficult task in New York, and if the Legislature of New York does its duty by the people we are going to secure him."

3,000 Cheer Mayor's Plea.

"We know that he is able and we believe and trust in him, and to make it effective we must give him the power to conduct the office as he sees fit. The only thing that stands between you and I want is the votes of the men who sit in the Legislature, and we should impress this fact on them in no uncertain way. The service he would render to the whole country by giving New York an efficient police administration would be an achievement of which he might feel just as proud as of the building of the Panama Canal."

The hearty applause which greeted the remarks of the Mayor left no doubt that he had the 3,000 men and women in the

COLONEL GOETHALS RECEIVING MEDAL FROM DR. FINLEY.



audience with him. Bishop Greer and Dr. Lyman Abbott seconded them in their eulogies of the colonel.

Dr. Finley, in presenting the medal to Colonel Goethals, which is the first medal to be presented by the Civic Forum to anybody, read the speech of Mr. Choate, which was a delicate tribute to the canal builder. There was a word of praise in it, too, for President Wilson and his attitude on the tolls question.

"All mankind knows how nobly and well you have accomplished the work," Dr. Finley read. "Without pretence, without boasting, quietly, by constant, earnest devotion to duty, with a skill unsurpassed and a courage and earnestness of purpose never failing, you have carried the great work through to the end, apparently never for a moment losing courage or the confidence both of its final success. No whisper of detraction has been heard from any quarter."

"Canal for All Nations."

"The canal created by our government at enormous expense, without aid or contribution from any quarter, is singularly unique. While it is the sole property of the United States, with no one to question its ownership, it is held by it in trust for the use of all the nations of the earth on equal terms. And this trust will be steadfastly maintained in all coming time. Thanks to our magnanimous President, our treaty obligations in this respect will be sacredly fulfilled, and the will of the American people, under his leadership, will demand that good faith on our part be honestly kept. And thus America will stand in her leading place among the nations as the great benefactor of them all."

Marcus M. Marks, President of the Borough of Manhattan, harked back to the days in 1877, when he and Colonel Goethals were classmates at the College of the City of New York, and Dudley Field Malone and Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary eulogized the canal builder in glowing terms, as did Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War.

A letter from President Wilson, reiterating the sentiments he had expressed in Washington on Tuesday night, was read, as was a letter from ex-President Taft, in which he said:

"We were on trial before the world in the construction of the canal, and Colonel Goethals was our standard bearer in the battle we had to make against the forces of nature. He has won the battle. He is entitled to a much greater triumph than he who brings back to his country a victory in war, because the result of his striving and courage and leadership will continue to testify for centuries after we have all been gathered to our fathers, to the energy, the enterprise, the hopefulness, the courage and the financial power and engineering skill of the American nation."

Governor Glynn, Representative Underwood and a host of others also sent letters of congratulation.

Dr. Finley, in his opening address, said that the building of the canal by Colonel Goethals was a threefold triumph. First, his parents were immigrants; second, he was trained in the public schools, the city's college and West Point, and third, it was a triumph for sheer honesty and merit in public service.

Mrs. Goethals sat in one of the boxes.

IS STILL FOR GOETHALS

Mayor Denies Bad Faith—Won't Discuss Harbord.

Mayor Mitchell indignantly denied yesterday the statement of Senator Cullen, of the Cities Committee of the Senate, that the name of Colonel Goethals was being used simply as a decoy to secure the passage of the police bills.

"I will repeat what I have said many times before," he said, "that the name of Colonel Goethals has been used in good faith. I believe that Senator Cullen believes so, in spite of what he has been quoted as saying. I think the bills ought to be passed regardless of whether Colonel Goethals becomes Police Commissioner or not. However, I believe the colonel's letter is specific enough on that point."

In regard to the recent suggestion of former President Taft that Colonel Goethals be made a major general and head of the engineering staff of the army, and that Captain J. B. Harbord, former chief of the Philippine Constabulary, might make a good man for Police Commissioner here, Mayor Mitchell said:

"Of course, we want to see the colonel get all the honors he deserves. I am grateful to Mr. Taft for any helpful suggestions, but we have not reached the point where we are considering anybody for the Commissioner except Colonel Goethals."

Asked if anybody had personally suggested the name of Captain Harbord to him, the Mayor replied that Jacob H. Schiff had conveyed to him a message from Mr. Taft in regard to the availability of the captain.

TRAPPED WITH AN ARMFUL OF OPIUM

Former Officer of Lloyd Line Believed to Have Been Smuggler.

HAD 75 POUNDS, WORTH \$10,000

Arrest Grows Out of Disagreement with Former Associates in Alleged "Ring" and "Trust."

Widespread disclosures regarding the "Opium Trust" are expected by the customs officials following the arrest yesterday of Hugo Grobe, formerly second officer of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, who was caught with 75 pounds of gum opium, worth \$10,000, under his arm.

Grobe, a tall, athletic young man of military bearing and good appearance, was arraigned before Judge Hand, who committed him to the Tombs in default of \$7,500 bail. He is being hard pressed by special agents of the Treasury Department to reveal what he knows about the workings of the opium importing "syndicate," as the authorities feel that in him they have caught one of the most active of the opium smugglers.

The downfall of Grobe, like those of the Hoboken hotel proprietor and the two Chinese who were arrested Tuesday, was the outcome of "double-crossing" his associates, each trying to get the better of the other in the matter of profit on their traffic.

Grobe was arrested at 5th street and First avenue as he stepped out of a saloon, where he admitted, according to the authorities, having hidden opium. While the arrest was announced as a sequel to a long period of quiet investigation, it is said that the hiding place was revealed by the associates arrested Tuesday.

Tells of Opium Traffic.

In a statement to Special Agent Collins and Detective Captain Jones, of the 5th Detective District, Grobe told of an opium traffic of several years' standing in which he had heavily engaged. His operations extended to ports in Persia, included confederates in various European cities and were intertwined with the work of the indefinite "Opium Trust" and the "ring" which collapsed Tuesday.

His position on board the North German liner added him exceedingly, as through it he was able to take advantage of opportunities denied to travelers by the customs authorities. For several years, he said, he had engaged in opium smuggling for himself, maintaining sources of supply in Oriental ports.

Wide knowledge of the traffic made him invaluable to the "Opium Trust," and he later worked with that organization to the extent of many thousands of pounds of the drug. His connection with the larger organization lasted until he was approached last year by the "ring" and was offered better terms. Withdrawal of his aid from the "trust" crippled its business to a large degree and incurred its enmity.

This "ring," of which its chief members, John Eyckman, of Hoboken, and Yee Sang, of No. 15 Mott street, made the most of the ability of Grobe to obtain large quantities of opium in Europe and smuggle it off the North German Lloyd liners. Books seized by the customs officials Tuesday in their raid of Yee Sang's establishment showed Grobe's connection with the Chinese and the Hoboken partner to the extent of importing 1,000 pounds.

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39th St. THEA., near B'way. Evs. 8:20. Mat. 2:20. TOO MANY COOKS.

PLAYHOUSE 45th St. E. of B'way. Evs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:30. THE THINGS THAT COUNT.

COMEDY. Evs. 8:15. Prop. Mat. To-day. Comedy Success of the Season. KITTY MACKAY.

LITTLE THEA., 240 W. 44th St. Evs. 8:45. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:30. BERNARD SHAW'S THE PHILANDER.

BOOTH 45th St. West of B'way. Evs. 8:15. Mat. To-day and Sat. 2:15. GUY RATES POST IN THE TENTMAKER.

LYRIC. Evs. 8:15. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:30. BLANCHE RING Supported by Harry Conner. In "When God Smiles."

CORT 45th St. E. of B'way. Evs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:30. LAURETTE TAYLOR.

Cort Special—To-morrow (Fri.) at 2:15. FIRST OF FOUR SPECIAL MATINEES. LAURETTE TAYLOR Three one act plays & Peg o' My Heart. Only 3. Hartley Managers.

LONGACRE THEA., 48th St. W. of B'way. Evs. 8:30. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:30. George Lombard's Modern Melodrama.

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A small account book found on Grobe showed the last shipment to Eyckman and Yee Sang was 250 pounds from Hamburg. It was this shipment which caused the trouble and the disclosures to the authorities. According to Grobe he received no money either from Eyckman or Yee Sang for the 250 pounds, and after repeated attempts for payment had failed decided to go into the business again for himself.

Hid Opium in "Life Preserver."

On the last arrival of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie Grobe brought over 75 pounds, concealed in a life-preserver-like apparatus under his shirt. The gum was wrapped in tin foil. He secreted it in the saloon at Eighty-sixth street, and was about to dispose of it when arrested.

For several months after Grobe quit working for the "trust" anonymous communications were received by the customs men implicating the "rings" of which Eyckman and Yee Sang were members. This information led to their arrest Tuesday. When Eyckman and Yee Sang were caught they, not knowing the source of the evidence against them and remembering their debt to Grobe, suspected him of having "squealed." An address in Hoboken, formerly the place where Grobe boarded, was furnished the customs men, and through this Grobe was traced to the saloon.

If Grobe becomes convinced that the "Opium Trust" had anything to do with his difficulties, the special agents hope to induce him to explain the methods of the organization and complete the three-cornered series of exposures.

Officials of the North German Lloyd line last night denied that any officer named Hugo Grobe was ever employed by them. Grobe explained that he was a retired officer in good standing.

Grand Jury to Hear Goethals.

Colonel George W. Goethals will testify next week before the federal grand jury which is investigating the graft charges against John Burke, commissary agent of the Panama Railroad. The charges against Burke were formulated by Colonel Goethals, and his testimony is expected to close the case of the government.

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WINTER GARDEN B'way & 50th St. Evs. 8:15. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. LYDIA KVAHAT.

44th St. THEA., near B'way. Evs. 8:20. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. The Whirl of the World.

48th St. THEA., near B'way. Evs. 8:20. Mat. Wed. and Sat. 2:15. The Midnight Girl.

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Commission to Ask Legislature for State Relief.

The New York State Commission on Relief for Widowed Mothers announced yesterday that there is a need for government assistance for the widowed mother with dependent children and that it is feasible to provide efficient, wise and administrative machinery for the state to meet this need.

The commission expects to make its report to the Legislature on March 16. It was said to be economically wise as well as morally sound for the state to grant relief in the homes of worthy widowed mothers rather than to force them to the alternative of commitment or of working, to the consequent loss of home life.

From the City of New York there are more than 5,000 children of widowed mothers who were committed for poverty alone, and for whose care the city pays between \$250 and \$3 a week.

Private charities that have tried to meet the entire need of the poor of this city since 1878 have failed to deal adequately with the situation, it was said. Because of this inadequacy suffering and degeneration of family life have resulted.

The commission will recommend a law providing for separate boards in each county or city to take charge of the situation. Public hearings are to be held in the City Hall on March 12, 13 and 14, at which the subject of widows' pensions is to be discussed.

AMUSEMENTS.

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